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[Despatch Abstract.]

JAILS - Sub-jails - Search of prisoners - Instructions - Issued.

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Copy of Memorandum No. 22255-BIII/49-II dated 12-4-1950,
Home Department.

Sub: Jails - Sub-jails.- Escape of prisoners - Size of ventilators.

In connection with the escape of some undertrial prisoners from a subjail through a ventilation after removing iron bars it was suggested that if the ventilators had been smaller in size and were situated at the roof level instead of at the floor level, as laid down in rule 55 (b) of the Madras Subsidiary Jail Manual, the possibility of the escape would have been considerably reduced. The Inspector General of Prisons and the Collectors are requested to see whether any of the ventilators in the existing subjails require any alteration with a view to prevent the escape of prisoners and take necessary action in the matter.

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To The Inspector-General of Prisons.
To All Collectors except the Collector of Madras.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
ABSTRACT.

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Dated 17th March 1950.
Read the following:--

O R D E R:

Rules 61-A of the Madras Subsidiary Jail Manual Prescribes that every prisoner should be thoroughly searched before being locked up at night and every cell and ward should also be searched and that the officer making the search should be responsible that all bolts bars and fastenings are in order and that no contraband article or article likely to facilitate escape is left with any prisoner or in any ward or cell. In connection with the escape of some undertrial prisoners from the sub-Jail, Vijaywada the question has been raised as to the officer who should be responsible for the search referred to in the above rule. The Government have examined the question and they direct, in supersession of the orders issued in Memorandum No.23877 C/46-2, dated 17-7-1947.

- (i) that the Police guard should be held responsible for the search of prisoners whenever they are admitted into a sub-jail and also when they are locked up at night, and for the removal of all weapons and prohibitory articles from them;
- (ii) that the warders should continue to be held responsible for the search of cells in subjails and for their upkeep in proper condition, as they are in charge of keys of the cells;
- (iii) that Warders should not, without a member of the Police Guard being present, open and enter any cell or have direct access to any prisoner.

2. All Collectors are requested to ensure that the scheme is worked in a spirit of co-operation by the Jail and police staff.

3. The Inspector-General of Prisons is requested to submit in due course the necessary amendments to the Madras Subsidiary Jail Manual.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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Secretary to Government.

To The Inspector General of Police.
To The Inspector General of Prisons.
To All the Collectors.

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